

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

ANTHONY DALE, BRETT JACKSON,
JOHNNA FOX, BENJAMIN
BORROWMAN, ANN LAMBERT,
ROBERT ANDERSON, and CHAD
HOHENBERY on behalf of themselves and
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG, and T-
MOBILE US, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:22-cv-03189

Hon. Thomas M. Durkin

Hon. Jeffrey Cole

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties respectfully submit this Joint Status Report to update the Court on their discovery progress.¹

I. Discovery Schedule

The parties continue discussing an appropriate deadline for substantial completion of data productions and believe they will agree upon a deadline by August 16, as required by this Court's July 2, 2024 Minute Order (ECF No. 190). Additionally, the parties agreed to a discovery schedule for their ongoing discussions regarding appropriate ESI document custodians

¹ During its February 6, 2024 Status Conference, this Court agreed with Plaintiffs that "having a status conference every 60 days" is "a good idea." Feb. 6, 2024 Status Conf. Tr. at 4:12–13. Accordingly, it stated "we will do status conference calls every 60 days and a joint status report filed 7 days before that." *Id.* at 5:7–8. Plaintiffs understood this statement to be an order requiring status reports and status conferences (to the extent necessary based on the content of the status reports) at 60-day intervals. The Court last ordered Plaintiffs and Defendant T-Mobile US, Inc. ("T-Mobile"), together "the parties," and the parties did, file a joint status report on May 24, 2024. Accordingly, Plaintiffs proposed filing this joint status report. T-Mobile understood the Court's statement to mean that if the Court schedules a status conference, a joint status report must be filed 7 days before that date. Given that the next status conference is scheduled in September, T-Mobile does not believe that this status report is required, but have cooperated with Plaintiffs to avoid burdening the Court with a dispute.

for T-Mobile's response to Plaintiffs' requests for production whereby the parties would reach an agreement or an impasse by August 7, 2024. *See id.*

II. Discovery Progress

A. Written Discovery

The parties' recent meet and confers regarding written discovery were generally productive. The parties appear close to resolving T-Mobile's relevance objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production of Documents.

T-Mobile has made a total of thirteen (13) productions to date, totaling to over 4,400 documents and over 90,000 pages. It is working with its e-discovery vendor to start rolling reproductions of the documents it produced in the pre-merger litigation and investigations.

Plaintiffs anticipate making a document production within the next week, and they will continue making rolling productions thereafter.

The parties continue to negotiate a custodian list and remain optimistic that they can reach an agreement without Court intervention. T-Mobile initially identified 29 custodians, and Plaintiffs then proposed an additional 31 custodians. T-Mobile has since agreed to include 11 of those proposed 31 individuals, bringing the total to 40 custodians. The parties are continuing to discuss the remaining 13 individuals that Plaintiffs proposed. After a substantive meet and confer on July 18 consistent with the parties' agreed-upon discovery schedule, T-Mobile responded to Plaintiffs' latest proposal on July 22. The parties hope to resolve this dispute by the end of the week of July 22.

B. Protocols and Stipulations

The parties are finalizing a draft 502(d) order. They also continue discussing a potential expert stipulation and whether to enter a deposition protocol.

C. Pre-Merger Data and Documents Produced to Government Entities

T-Mobile has produced to Plaintiffs structured data that T-Mobile produced during the merger review process. The parties recently began discussing the cutoff date for the data T-Mobile will produce, as well as a timeline for making such productions.

T-Mobile recently produced to Plaintiffs structured data Sprint produced during the merger review process and in the states' case in the Southern District of New York, and Plaintiffs are in the process of reviewing that data to evaluate the sufficiency of those data fields.

After reviewing the document requests and correspondence from the DOJ investigations that T-Mobile produced, Plaintiffs agreed to accept the documents T-Mobile produced in the pre-merger investigations (e.g., by the DOJ, FCC, or CPUC) and in the states' case in the Southern District of New York in lieu of requiring T-Mobile to run new custodial searches for the period covered by those productions. T-Mobile expects to produce those documents soon.

D. Third Parties

AT&T, Verizon, and DISH promptly reengaged with Plaintiffs after the parties submitted their last status report. None of the third parties have produced data or documents, but Plaintiffs have had productive conversations with these third parties regarding the subpoena requests. The third parties have all indicated that some document and/or data productions are forthcoming.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Hill Brakefield, an attorney, hereby certify that this Joint Status Report was electronically filed on July 23, 2024, and will be served electronically via the Court's ECF Notice system upon the registered parties of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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